monitoring and proper implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) is that of the concerned Ministry/Department. The nodal Ministry responsible for monitoring and implementing the National Food for Work Programme is the Ministry of Rual Development. However, the Planning Commission has put in place a Programme Outcome and Response Monitoring Division to help in designing appropriate systems for measuring the physical outcome of major programmes/schemes, including *inter-alia* the Food for Work Programme.

Clearance to Development Schemes

†449. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government is not giving clearance to the development schemes made by State Governments for years and only correspondence is done again and again;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such situation makes adverse effect on development resulting funds remaining unused and schemes not completed in time bound manner; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to tackle this situation, so that, country could progress rapidly and the funds do not remain unsued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The development schemes of the States, being part of their Annual Plans, do not require clearance of the Union Government for implementation/execution.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Meeting of NDC

450. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two-day meeting of the National Development Council was held recently to review the state of the economy

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and decide on taking corrective steps to place the economy on a high growth trajectory;

(b) if so, the details of major decisions taken by the N.D.C. to step up growth in the remaining two years of the Tenth Plan; and

(c) the guidelines evolved for formulation of the Eleventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A two-day meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) was held on 27th and 28th June 2005 to consider the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) The NDC expressed broad agreement with the goals and policies suggested in the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan. It was decided to set up a Committee under the Finance Minister to examine relevant issues on the debt burden and debt relief with particular reference to debt outstanding of States against the National Small Savings Fund (NSSF). It was agreed to form a NDC Sub-Committee for drawing up implementable action plans in agriculture and related issues. The NDC directed the Planning Commission to begin work on the Approach Paper to Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(c) No guidelines have been evolved for formulation of Eleventh Five Year Plan.

BPL Population in Uttar Pradesh

†451. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons brought above poverty line by providing Central Assistance in each district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of persons still living Below Poverty Line as on today, district-wise;

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose, district-wise; and

(d) whether districts having, tribal population are accorded priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Planning Commission estimates poverty at National and State level from the large sample survey on

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